

CGSA of Honolulu Board Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, August 13, 2003

1. Introductions

- a. Rachel Diehl called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. at her home.

2. President's Report - Rachel Diehl

- a. July 3rd Celebration was a success. The bake sale profited \$241.75. Coast Guard Day was also a success – thanks to all of those who helped!
- b. Rachel is still checking into renting a post office box. So far the lowest quote is \$70/year. A decision will be made if this is feasible after a look at the budget.
- c. The Resource Fair will be on 9/17, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. We need one person to represent the CGSA between 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rachel will work the first shift.
- d. Volunteer opportunities are available with the following: Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Boutiki (need one person to help out), USO Airport (4 hour shifts), Read Aloud America (assigned a school to read to students).

3. Treasurer's Report – Amy Heaton

- a. Amy reported \$2763.00. Fees for Pictures Plus were not used and credited back into the account. Amy felt that funding a PO Box would be okay. The CGSA is in the process of changing bank accounts from American Savings Bank to Hawaii Federal Credit Union. This change will also allow any spouse to be eligible to open a personal account with HFCU

4. Welcome Tea – De Anne Bardell

- a. The Tea is being held on 9/14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. De Anne provided 4 samples of invitations, one of which was voted in by the group. Help will be needed to hand deliver these invitations. There will be no fashion show to free up more time for socialization. To encourage more socialization, nametags will have prior duty station shown on them.

5. Committee/Chair Report

- a. **Membership** – To allow enough time to complete the new directory, a cut off date is being established on 1 October. Duty Stations will also be included in the directory.
- b. **Newsletter** - Deadline for the newsletter will be the 20th of each month. Jamie Bender currently has three volunteers to write articles each month on fitness, weight loss, and healthcare. Should more people express interests in contributing articles in the future, Jamie may have to alternate articles every other month due to space limitations.
- c. **Ways and Means** – No report
- d. **Scholarship** – Edna handed out an outline of the Scholarship Award Plan for 2003 – 2004 detailing the eligibility for the award, the criteria, the application, the number and amount of the awards, selection committee, and the recipient's use of the award. This plan will be published in the MWR newsletter. The scholarship will be awarded on December 10th in time for the winter semester.
- e. **Sunshine/Hospitality** – Susan and Tricia have put together several bags for the new spouses.

f. **Fisher House Meals** – Melissa Hartnett met with the new manager at the Fisher House. The schedule for meals will be every 3rd Thursday of each month. Additional information on other volunteer opportunities at the Fisher House and the meal sign-up sheet will be provided at the Tea.

g. **Backpacks** – Lori Ulsh reported that 34 backpacks were distributed to 21 families. The final cost was lower than anticipated - \$866.23.

h. **Joint Women's Conference** - A Pizza night fundraiser sponsored by Dominoes will be on Tuesday, 8/19. Twenty five percent of all sales made will be donated to the JWC. A red flyer with the coupon will be distributed. The CGSA will donate \$100 to JWC. Anyone interested in hosting a workshop should call Stella Britten-Wiltshire as soon as possible. The host/hostess introduces the speaker (introduction provided on a written card) and is the timekeeper. Governor Linda Lingle expressed interest in speaking at the conference and will try to do so, schedule permitting.

i. **Fall Fest** – No report

j. **Holiday Children's Party** – Jo Keith reported that sign-up for the Children's party will be at the tea. A suggestion was made to make use of some of the funding for a teen activity.

k. **Secret Pal** – Sign up will be at the Tea.

l. **Lunch Bunch / Progressive Dinner** – Julie Dostie reported that Lunch will be at Indigos towards the end of September (exact date to be determined soon). Still looking for a volunteer to step up to the plate for Progressive Dinner.

m. **Book Club** – Next meeting TBA. Books currently being read are *Stolen Lives* and *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*.

n. **Silent Auction** – No report

o. **Easter Egg Hunt** – No report

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business

a. **Hiking Group** – Le-Thu will be arranging future hiking expeditions.

b. **Social Gatherings** – Group expressed desire for more socializing activities such as hat party (maybe during a tea at the Sheraton), or red shoe party.... more ideas are welcomed!!

c. **Geckos for parting gifts** – The group voted to fund 25 brass geckos as gifts for those transferring out

d. **Minutes will be published on the website.**

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. – Snacks and beverages provided by Rachel.